

St Faithian

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Inspiring a love of Humanities

The children in Year 3 started off this term's Geography work with a real sense of wonder when they got to watch a clip of what the International Space Station sees as it passes over the Earth at night time. They were very excited to catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights and see what storms look like from space. This led to atlas work to establish whether the children could locate countries across the world simply by their outline! The level of focus and excitement during this activity was a pleasure to witness. Then it was on to learning about the lines of longitude and latitude and using them to identify where places across the globe were located. Our work in Year 3 has certainly got the children thinking about where in the world they live and what else is out there; we have many more lessons to go to enable us to find out even more.

Our creative Year 1s are really enjoying their Humanities' topic on Transport. They have been drawing maps, taking screenshots of transport hubs and typing up map labels using the iPads. Today, when I was invited in to see what they were up to, they were busy making fabulous maps using all sorts of materials. The children were very enthusiastic about their creations and keen to point out where they had included bridges, tunnels, railways and all manner of other thoughtful details. I wasn't able to leave the classroom without having a good look at every group's effort. The animated chatter that was going on was wonderful to hear.



Awe-inspiring and creative lessons such as these are the ones that the children will go on to remember in years to come. Of course, it's not only the children that get a lot of enjoyment out of such lessons, teachers and TAs love them too!

Miss Franklin
Head of Humanities



Friends of St Faith's

Hello everyone! Only one more week left until half-term & we have a lovely way to celebrate...a **Valentine's Day Breakfast**. Please come and join us for a breakfast bake and coffee/tea/juice on Friday 14 February from 8am in the Guildford hall. Cost is £1.50 per person.

Everyone is welcome, however please note all children must be accompanied by their parent/carer. Hope to see you there.

In other news, we are pleased to report that the Friends have managed to purchase almost everything on the list of requests. So **THANK YOU** for your continued support, it's great to see our lovely children benefiting from the funds we raise.

The Friends could not function without our volunteers, and very soon we will be looking for a new treasurer, so if you are interested in volunteering for this, please contact one of us for more details.

Finally, don't forget to get your team together & book your place for the Wine & Wisdom evening on Friday 6 March, it will be a fun evening!

Vicky, Alison & Zoe
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Head's Corner

A charitable call went out to all parents last week to foster two beautiful mini lop eared rabbits



called Rafa and Lily. The idea is that we share the parenting of these lovely furry creatures, with the school looking after them during term time from Monday to Friday, and the foster parents taking charge at the weekends and in the holidays. So far three potential homes have been offered but all by staff. Is there anyone else that would like to offer a home?

In a piece of persuasive writing last week a Year 5 pupil asked that we have a school pet to help with the well being and mindfulness of all pupils at school. It has been proven that to hug and stroke a pet relieves stress and makes us all happy.

This will give us another instrument to help develop the mindfulness of our children and build avenues to protect the mental health within the school.



SPORT REPORT

Tuesday 4 February: - U9 Girls Netball v Northbourne Park—Away



The girls had their second match of the season when they travelled to Northbourne Park School. Northbourne Park started the stronger and were 2-1 up after the first quarter. However, St Faith's girls were gritty and came back into the game. They eventually won 7-3. Player of the match for excellent energy and shooting skills went to Portia T-W. Well played girls!

Wednesday 5 February:- U11ABCD Netball v Kent College—Away

The U11 team had their next matches of season, with what is always traditionally a tough test, playing Kent College. Every girl in the year group had the opportunity to play and whilst all the teams found it tough they all enjoyed the experience. The A team battled hard but struggled to deal with the superior size of the opposition. They eventually lost 6-3. The B team lost 13-5, C team lost 7-1 and D team lost 6-0. A tough afternoon for the girls but losses should hopefully motivate the girls to keep working hard in lessons to improve. Players of the match went to Holly R, Kitty Mc, Yuthushya N and Helena O. Good effort girls!

Next week Year 5 are away on a residential trip. However, the U11 boys Football team are still in action as they have their quarter final of the Stabbs cup fixture against Temple Ewell Primary. Good luck to all involved.



After half term the fixtures come thick and fast with more Netball matches for the girls, Hockey matches for the boys and further league and cup Football matches.



A glorious and busy week of Music

This week has been packed with Rock School examinations, Twilight Concerts and the annual House Music Competition. Several drum, guitar and ukulele pupils began their week with an exam, as we hosted Rock School once again. The children all worked hard, especially in the run up to the exam, and results should be announced in the next two or three weeks.



On Tuesday we held our two Twilight Concerts for this term. There were some very impressive solo performances from children right across the school. In addition, all three recorder groups performed and the Orchestra's rendition of part of Vivaldi's Four Seasons was particularly well received by the appreciative audience.



Sycamore were the victors in the House Music Competition, which had a Queen theme this year, along with solo and ensemble performers representing each house. Thank you to Mr Bowyer from St Lawrence College for giving up his time to judge the performances.

Next week, all year groups besides Year 5 who will be at Carrot Wood, have their Class Performance lessons.

Have a good weekend, everyone.



Nursery: A place where you learn through play!



Learning through play helps children make sense of the world around them and to develop their cognitive and social skills. Upper Nursery children made the most of the dry weather and put their waterproof suits on before making their way to the Nature Garden. They were keen to explore the area and wondered where the school chickens had disappeared to??? Happily we are told the chicks will be back after half-term and we thank Miss Massey, Poppy and Ivy, for looking after them for us.

Great fun was had by all rolling down the hill before they headed back to the Nursery for their afternoon snack .

Week Commencing 10 February

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| Monday | Year 5 residential week to Carroty Wood |
| Tuesday | |
| 8.30am | Pilates |
| 8.30am | Second hand uniform shop open |
| Wednesday | |
| 8.40am | Reception Assembly |
| 3.15pm | U11 Boys Football v Temple Ewell Primary AWAY |
| Thursday | |
| 3.00pm | Second hand uniform shop open |
| Friday | Year 5 return from Carroty Wood |
| 8.00am | Friends Valentine's breakfast |
| 8.40am | Celebration Assembly |

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What sort of animal is the video game character Sonic



Last week's answer: A kid

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What becomes wetter as it dries



Last week's answer: A map

Pantomime Poster Winner



Congratulations to this talented Year 3 girl for winning the Pantomime Poster Competition (Oh no she didn't!) for the New Ash Players' recent production of 'Dick Whittington'! She entered a stunning poster which knocked the judge's socks off. Her creative endeavours won her two tickets to the opening night of the show where she was lucky enough to see fellow Year 3 classmates Henry Bowyer and Lucy Harrop starring as the naughty rats! Well done Jessica!

Clubs & Hobbies

| Week Commencing | 10.02.20 |
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| Monday | |
| Art Club Yr 2 - 6 | YES |
| Gym Upper Nursery upwards | YES |
| Music (During School hours) | YES |
| Tennis | YES |
| Tuesday | |
| Chess Yr 2 - 6 | YES |
| Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet up to Yr 1 | YES |
| Drama Upper School Yr 2 - 6 | YES |
| LAMDA (During school hours) | YES |
| Music (During School hours) | YES |
| Wednesday | |
| Ballet Prep & Primary Yr 2 upwards | YES |
| Dance Ballet & Jazz Yr 2 upwards | YES |
| Fencing Yr 2 - 6 (8.00am - 8.45am) | NO |
| Kit Car Club Yr 4 - 6 | YES |
| Music (During School hours) | YES |
| Netball Yr 3 - 6 | YES |
| Thursday | |
| Badminton Yr 3 - 6 (First half of term only) | NO |
| Computers Yr 4 - 6 | YES |
| Cooking club Yr 3 - 6 | YES |
| Music (During School hours) | YES |
| Musical Theatre R - 1 | YES |
| Musical Theatre 2 - 6 | YES |
| Friday | |
| Dodge Ball Yr 2-6 (first half of term only) | NO |
| Music (During School hours) | YES |

READING SHELVES

Brayden Ingram, Kasen Wells, Matyas Oprchal, Safiya Dubignon, Ethan Smith, Eshan Pal, Tommy Ridings

ACCELERATED READER TARGET 1

Dylon Patel, Teddy Ridings, Chloe Russell, Romy Todd, Caspian Finlay, Yuthushya Niroshan, Eliot Tucker, Michael Coombes, Jack Manser, Zara Coombs, Jessica Wynn, Tom Harrop, Dexter Stavri

TARGET 2

Poppy Andrews, Hannah Ainsworth, Harpriya Dhaliwal, Holly Rooke, Alex Fox, Thomas Solley, Rosie Hudsmith, Dexter Stavri, Penny Ford

Target 3

Thomas Solley

ROCK STAR TABLES

Teddy Ridings, Holly Rooke, Oliver Corcoran, Helena Overy, Jamie Montgomery

STAR OF THE WEEK

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| RB | Luca Barnes | For 'having a go' when faced with something he is unsure of |
| RR | Quinn Hewett | For accomplishing great things this half term |
| 1CP | Mya Wood | For stretching outside her comfort zone |
| 1T | Eshan Pal | For his attention to detail in Maths and creative use of language |
| 2L | James Evans | For his work in History |
| 2R | Francesca Savin | For stepping up her game and being really positive about her learning |
| 3B | Cleo Parkinson | For being organised and a positive attitude at all times |
| 3F | Sami Ur-Rehman | For being an excellent role model |
| 4A | Oliver Taylor | For excellent resilience in Maths this week |
| 4M | Sofia Cresswell | For enthusiasm in creative writing |
| 5A | Tom Mills | For always working hard with a smile |
| 5M | Poppy Ward | For a never give up attitude |
| 6G | Charlie Broun | For excellent effort and 'stickability' |
| 6W | Mason McCann | For great effort with Music this week and some impressive reverse perspective in Art |

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD



Roxi Booth for her creative writing

Holly Rooke, Chloe Russell, Maddie Ward, Romy Todd, Harleena Dhaliwal, Alex Fox for their persuasive letters

Leo Harrison-Verrion for his fantastic opening to his traditional tale

Rafi Brennan-Ray for his jazz timeline work

GOLDEN BALL

Anna Woodhead, Freddie Heffer, Henry Bowyer



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Catherine Payne

PLAYER OF THE MATCH

Helena Overy, Portia Taylor-Wilson, Holly Rooke, Kitty McCullin, Yuthushya Nirashan

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Roxi & Cobi Booth both took their primary ballet exam and both were awarded distinctions.

Kit Kember Swam 10 metres, unaided as part of his SafelySwim Stage 1+ class.

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Holly Rooke & Harpriya Dhaliwal for helping a nursery child who was lost

STAR AWARDS

BRONZE (100+)

Tommy Ridings, Henry O'Connor, Aryan Bhide

SILVER (200+)

Julie Oprchal, Poppy Andrews, Rosie Robinson, Harper Skudder-Acaster, Jamie Montgomery,

House

House Points

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| Ash | 146 |
| Beech | 181 |
| Oak | 163 |
| Sycamore | 148 |

BIRTHDAYS

Sofia Cresswell, Gurveena Dhaliwal



MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK



Sophia Gudge for helping Miss Gregory find pupils on the playground